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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: DATA WAREHOUSE SYSTEM AND QUERY PROCESSING METHOD USED IN THE SYSTEM, AND DATA COLLECTING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE METHOD, AND CHARGING METHOD AND APPARATUS IN THE SYSTEM

Group: 2771

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 25, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 8, delete in its entirety;

line 10, after "system" insert --of the type--;

line 12, delete "," and insert --;--;

line 13, after "as" insert --,--;

line 14, delete "further";

line 16, delete in its entirety;

line 20, delete "demanded so as" and insert --in

demand--;

line 21, delete "are" and insert --can be--.